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Proposed Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A dispenser, the dispenser having a dispenser head and a container containing spray material, the dispenser being formed such that the container can be detached from the dispenser head and refilled and/or replaced when the spray material is exhausted;

the dispenser having solenoid valve means ~~substantially~~ completely enclosed in a ~~substantially~~ metallic locking cover means, the valve means being arranged to ~~substantially~~ facilitate movement of the spray material from the container to the dispenser head, and the metallic locking cover means being arranged to intensify a magnetic field which, when the dispenser is in use, facilitates opening and closing of the valve means; wherein the metallic locking cover means comprises a metallic hood first part and a metallic base second part, and wherein the metallic hood engages the metallic base to lock the metallic locking cover means these two parts can lock with respect to one another;

the dispenser being formed such that it can be set so the valve means opens and closes automatically and periodically to release a flow of spray material from the container to the dispenser head such that spray material is released as a spray to an atmosphere outside of the dispenser.

2. (Original) A dispenser according to claim 1, comprising a power source arranged to power opening and closing of the valve means.

3. (Previously Presented) A dispenser according to claim 1, comprising a power source arranged to power opening and closing of the valve means, wherein the power source comprises a battery.

4. (Previously Presented) A dispenser according to claim 1, comprising a power source arranged to power opening and closing of the valve means, and comprising electronic means arranged to control opening and closing of the valve means.

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5. (Previously Presented) A dispenser according to claim 1, comprising a power source arranged to power opening and closing of the valve means, and comprising electronic means arranged to control opening and closing of the valve means, wherein the electronic means is powered by the power source.

6. (Previously Presented) A dispenser according to claim 1, wherein the container comprises an aerosol can.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) A dispenser according to claim 1, wherein the metallic hood and metallic base ~~first and second parts~~ can be subsequently released from one another when desired.

9. (Currently Amended) A dispenser according to claim 1, wherein the metallic base ~~has first part~~ comprises a hooked portion and the metallic hood ~~has second part~~ comprises an indented portion, the hooked and indented portions being complimentary to one another such that the hooked portion can engage the indented portion to lock the metallic locking cover means.

10. (Currently Amended) A dispenser according to claim 1, wherein the metallic base ~~has first part~~ comprises a hooked portion and the metallic hood ~~has second part~~ comprises an indented portion, the hooked and indented portions being complimentary to one another such that the hooked portion can engage the indented portion to lock the metallic locking cover means, and wherein the metallic base ~~first part~~ of the metallic locking cover means can be clicked into engagement with the metallic hood ~~second part~~ of the metallic locking cover means.

11. (Previously Presented) A dispenser according to claim 1, comprising a spray nozzle arranged to cause the spray material to form a spray as it leaves the dispenser.

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12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) A dispenser, the dispenser having a dispenser head and a container containing spray material, the dispenser being formed such that the container can be detached from the dispenser head and refilled and/or replaced when the spray material is exhausted;

the dispenser having a solenoid valve means ~~substantially~~ enclosed in a ~~substantially~~ metallic locking cover means, the dispenser having a power source arranged to power opening and closing of the valve means, and the dispenser having electronic means arranged to control opening and closing of the valve means;

the metallic locking cover means having a metallic base hooked portion and a metallic hood an indented portion complimentary to one another such that the metallic base hooked portion can engage the metallic hood indented portion to lock the metallic locking cover means, the valve means being arranged to ~~substantially~~ facilitate movement of the spray material from the container to the spray head, and the metallic locking cover means being arranged to intensify a magnetic field which, when the dispenser is in use, facilitates opening and closing of the valve means;

the dispenser being formed such that it can be set so the valve means opens and closes automatically and periodically to release a flow of spray material from the container to the spray head such that spray material is released as a spray to an atmosphere outside of the dispenser.

14. (Previously Presented) A dispenser according to claim 13, wherein the power source comprises a battery.

15. (Previously Presented) A dispenser according to claim 13, wherein the container comprises an aerosol can.

16. (New) A dispenser according to claim 1, wherein further the metallic base includes a fitting configured to connect to the container.

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17. (New) A dispenser according to claim 16, wherein the spray material may flow from the container, through the fitting, to the dispensing head when the valve is open.